

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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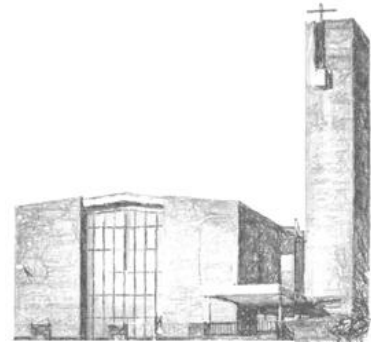
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The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (16th August 2026)

SERVICES FOR 17th – 23rd August 2026

Monday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

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10:00	Mass

Wednesday

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10:00	Mass

Thursday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions
19:00	Mass

Friday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

Saturday

10:00	Litany & Holy Rosary
9:15 – 9:45	Confessions
10:00	Mass
15:15 – 15:45	Confessions
16:00	Vigil Mass

Sunday

09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,430
Envelopes	£303
Digital Weekly Collection	£279
Stall	£95
Votives	£171
Digital Building Fund	£1095

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 – RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

A woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet.

PSALM 45(44)

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

READING 2 – 1 COR 15:20-27A

Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.

GOSPEL - LK 1:39-56

He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Traditional in the Church for many centuries, the doctrine of Mary's Assumption was solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII on 1st November 1950: "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin...was taken body and soul into heavenly glory...as Queen over all things". There is no scriptural account of this event. The gospel focuses on the honour due to Mary as the one chosen to be the Mother of God and who accepted God's choice. She is the ultimate disciple, who treasures God's word in her heart, and she is the one for whom God has done great things, raising up his servant in her lowliness.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK Belle Radigan

RIP: Raymond Coyle, Brian Munro, John Gallagher, Gerard Clark, Kathleen Carson

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony McCormack, Lizzie Nelson, Hugh & Betty Ward, Helen & Teddy Hand, Jim Daly, Margaret & Tom Brown, Canon Donald MacKay, Peter Gallacher

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Maureen Smith, Gerry Paul

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

The Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on Tuesday 25th August in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, at 7pm. Please pray for our five seminarians, and for those who will follow them. It is hoped that a couple of young men, who have been meeting with our Vocations Director, Fr Charlie O'Farrell, will join the Propaedeutic Period in Salamanca in January 2026.

Please note, a bus will leave from the stop opposite the Church at 6.15pm. If you wish to reserve a place then please add your name to the list in the porch.

SACRAMENTS 2027

I ask parents with children in P4 to take careful note of a meeting here at **10.30am on Saturday 3rd October**. This meeting will be facilitated by Mary & Michael Ross and will last exactly one hour. On that day there will be a range of appointments to meet on an individual basis with Fr. Kenny or (Deacon) Joe Dowds. I would hope these meetings could take place before the end of October so that dates could be decided upon for next year's celebrations.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

At a meeting with the Diocesan Fabric and Planning Group in June, Bishop Toal expressed surprise at the manner in which second collections are taken up here in OLOL. He requested that they no longer be seen as 'exit collections' but that the money bags are used before the end of Mass. From now on, this is what will happen here in line with practice in most other parishes.

DAY TRIP TO MILLPORT

The bus is leaving OLOL next Saturday at 09:30am – destination Largs and then Ferry to Millport. Any parishioners interested in hiring bikes can cycle round the island (sponsorship for roof optional) or enjoy the shops, scenery and tearooms. Outdoor Mass (weather permitting) followed by Fish & Chip Tea before bus return to OLOL.

BUILDING FUNDRAISER

Friday 18th September 7pm to 11:30pm

Celtic Q&A with Peter Grant and Peter Martin, followed by Irish Folk singer Chris Docherty in OLOL Church Hall.

To secure your ticket (priced £10) text/call John on 07760 518100 or Andy on 07725 671532.

This night is to raise funds for the OLOL Building Project, and we're looking for a local business or organisation who would be willing to sponsor us and support our fundraiser. Your sponsorship would help us make the event a big success and allow us to continue supporting our Building Project. If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring our fundraiser, we'd love to hear from you!

CATHOLIC APPROVAL

At the start of the school year, it is good to remind teachers and others interested in working in the Catholic education sector that approval is required from a priest. It is incumbent on interested parties to ensure that I know who you are before you request approval. Please do not embarrass me by inviting me to provide approval if I do not know you or you do not fulfil the criteria.

ASSISTED DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS

The Assisted Dying Bill in the UK Parliament failed in June 2026 as it was out of time and did not complete the scrutiny in the House of Lords. It is now being brought back to the UK Parliament as a Private Members Bill and a vote in the Commons will take place on 11th September. This Bill will deliver the same unsafe outcomes and will also seek to be passed into law without the full scrutiny of the House of Lords. The East Kilbride MP, Joani Reid, voted for the bill in the Commons. Bishop John Keenan has asked all Catholics in Scotland to lobby our MPs to get them to vote against this Bill.

A letter has been prepared and only needs your name and address added. Copies will be available in the porch. Letters from all the parishes in East Kilbride will be collected and presented to our MP to show the level of opposition among her East Kilbride constituents. Lobbying of MSPs defeated the McArthur Bill in the Scottish Parliament and, if the UK Bill is passed, this will give encouragement for a new bill to be proposed for Scotland.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The Village Theatre. Jack and the Beanstalk. Friday night 18th December. £10.50 per person. A list will be on the notice board; please put name, number of tickets and telephone number. Tickets to be paid by 16th October.

PROPOSED ST. BRIDE'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS, 5TH-9TH OCTOBER

Fr. Colm Martin is proposing a full spiritual and excursion programme walking in the footsteps of the French saints. Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral, Basilica of Sacré-Coeur, the Convent of the Miraculous Medal at the Rue du Bac. Bed and Breakfast with lunch provided in Paris each day. The overall cost is dependent on numbers and fluctuating flight prices. At the moment, it looks like being around £1100, which is very reasonable for Paris. A deposit is required of £550 to secure your place. There is a £234 single room supplement. To book, contact Anne Marie Cairns at Alba Tours on 01698 262941 or annemariecairns@yahoo.co.uk

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The following QR Code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, but there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

You can also register for Gift Aid or Gift Aid your offering. Only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.